

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
TO THE ASSEMBLY OF ORGANIZATIONS  
FOR AID TO THE EASTERN CHURCHES (R.O.A.C.O.)**

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[...] May conflict that sows death make room for encounter and reconciliation that bring life. To all who are suffering I say forcefully: never lose hope! The Church is beside you, accompanies you and sustains you! I ask you to do all you can to alleviate the serious needs of the stricken populations, especially those of Syria, the people of beloved Syria, refugees, ever more numerous. [...]